



# SOCIETY and PERSONAL ACTIVITIES of WOMEN



## IMMIGRANT HORDE MENACES AMERICA, INVESTIGATOR SAYS

Lillian Russell Makes Unique  
Survey of Immigration  
Problem Abroad.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—"Immigration is the gravest question today confronting the American people and the most serious problem demanding solution by the American Government."

Time was when our shores were a haven for the politically and religiously oppressed, and when our gates opened the way to opportunity for the ambitious and aspiring of other lands. Time was, too, when our nation, in its period of reconstruction and reconstruction, needed the brown of the sturdy European to extend civilization into uncultivated and undeveloped territory.

It is Miss Lillian Russell speaking. The former light opera queen, in private life Mrs. Alexander Moore, of Pittsburgh, she has just returned from an extensive tour of Europe, where she went as a special commissioner of the Department of Labor to study immigration matters. She has brought back first hand information on the subject, which is now being considered by Secretary of Labor Davis and members of the Senate and House committees on immigration.

According to Miss Russell, the war has restored human rights to the peoples of Europe and none need to seek sanctuary here. Furthermore, she says, America does not now need labor to aid in the development of its resources.

From Class Which Arrests.

"That stage has long passed and it is a fact that immigration of recent years has been from that class of people which arrests, rather than aids, the development of any nation," the former diva declared.

"In this immigration problem there is only one thing that demands serious attention and that is, 'What is best for America?'"

Pointing out that the higher civilizations of the past succumbed to such foreign invasions as now threaten this country and that alien infiltration wrecked Rome and Greece, Miss Russell urged that it was against such a fate that America must protect itself.

"I believe it would be a good thing for America if an immigration 'holiday' of five years could be declared," Miss Russell told Secretary Davis.

"If we must keep our gates open I would urge a new system, by which the sifting process should be carried on a broad, so that none but those who, physically and mentally, would make valuable additions to our population would be permitted to board ship for America," she said.

Should Be Right Tests.

One of her suggestions is that there should be rigid tests of mental qualifications by American consuls, and one rigid requirement should be that applicants must be able to read, write and speak their own language. Physical tests, she believes, should be conducted by American physicians and any bodily weakness should mean rejection. The Wasserman test ought to be employed in every case. In her opinion, she is insistent upon the employment of American physicians to make these tests, "because I believe that racial sympathies might lead to too liberal a view of bodily infirmities."

Is the present law restricting immigration by quotas from other countries is continued Miss Russell believes that it should be materially strengthened. There should be a central headquarters, possibly in London, she says, where American consuls should regularly report the number of their visas, so that the quota could not be exceeded any month, thus avoiding the hardship

of deportation for the excess immigrants. In present circumstances, she points out, every intending immigrant needs simply to apply to the nearest American consulate for a visa, for which he pays \$10. The Consul has no power to refuse a visa for any reason other than the quota of the country is exhausted.

Thousands of Unfit Persons.

This is unfortunate, she says, for it necessarily leads to thousands of departures of unfit persons to America, who succeed either by influence or trickery in entering the country and being turned back upon inspection at Ellis Island.

Consults, she believes, should be authorized to refuse visas to all unfit persons, and all applicants for visas in the case of immigrant persons should be required to submit details three months before final action is taken. In the case of male immigrants she suggests that a penal certificate should be presented giving a record of their career, on which should be attached a photograph of each man, thus allowing the consul to obtain close information of the most definite character with regard to the alien's past history, physical condition, qualifications as farmer, laboring man, etc.

"Questioning the immigrants has not proven satisfactory," Miss Russell said. "It is quite obvious that an applicant is not likely to admit anything to a consular officer which will damage his chances of obtaining a visa."

One Remedy Suggested.

"It would also be advisable to have the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization subject every foreigner living in the United States who wishes to bring over an immigrant himself must pass before a consular officer. Such a foreign resident should be required to submit a police record covering the entire time of his residence in the United States, and an affidavit of support executed by the relative in the United States should be demanded of every applicant. When this is presented to the consul, with a request for a visa, the consul will know that the immigrant intends to join a decent, law-abiding resident of the United States."

According to Miss Russell's view there should be additional laws making it a felony for any resident of the United States to make a false statement concerning the admissibility of any relative or other immigrant.

This law, she says, should be so drastic that it will seal up one of the most intolerable loopholes in our immigration system.

How To Scatter Immigrants.

It is suggested by Miss Russell that instead of the steamship lines depositing all their immigrants at Ellis Island license should be given for disembarkation of immigrants at other ports.

"This would scatter the immigration throughout the country, place the farmer immigrants in the farming sections and relieve New York from increasing its present foreign population."

"This system would likewise put a stop to clandestine immigration," she says. "The newspapers in Italy publish, after the sailing of practically every steamer for the United States, that a number of clandestine immigrants have been found hidden on board and were arrested, and in almost every case they were criminals. These men pay large sums to be smuggled on board the steamer and, if they succeed in reaching New York, disembark as members of the crew."

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"Immigrants of Low Mentality."

"During the years 1920 and 1921, long before consular office hours, crowds of unwashed, ill-fed, prospective immigrants—most of them of very low mentality and moral fibre—surged around the consulate. These people were from Poland, Russia or Rumania and claimed to have blood relatives in America who would take care of them and guarantee them support. They did not know the meaning of the word

## Aubrey Munson, Finding Perfect Man, Tells in Detail of Her Seven Loves



AUBREY MUNSON AND HER SEVEN LOVES PICTURED AS SHE DESCRIBES THEM.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 18.—A gipsy's prophecy, uttered in verse to Aubrey Munson when the sculptor's model and movie actress was but a child, has come to pass!

Aubrey has found a perfect man. And she will marry him!

The perfect man is Joseph J. Stevenson, Chicagoan, World War aviator hero and wealthy contractor.

Aubrey, through the perfection of her figure, is known to art lovers and motion picture fans throughout the world.

truthfulness and were carriers of disease caused by their extreme bodily filth. It was discovered that large numbers of Poles were applying for visas at Vienna, claiming the necessary one year's residence in the place of departure.

"It was found that underground channels of information existed among these people as to how to have false documents prepared by meeting certain 'agents' in given 'safe houses.' In certain cases lawyers would appear as intermediaries or friends from the United States. Usually naturalized American citizens would appear as spokesmen. These often proved to be 'promoters of immigration,' who would obtain in New York the names of persons wishing their so-called relatives to come over and who, for the consideration of usually more than \$100 in each case, would fill out a large list of names and undertake to go to Eastern Europe to 'see them through' all the visa and travelling formalities."

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"In one case a New York notary

Aubrey Munson, shapely sculptor's model and movie actress, has found a perfect husband after a spectacular quest. Here's the kind of a man she thinks he'll be—and what she thinks a perfect wife ought to be:

- | A Perfect Husband Should Be | A Perfect Wife Should Be |
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| 1. Devoted to his wife.     | 1. Patient.              |
| 2. Courteous.               | 2. Considerate.          |
| 3. Generous.                | 3. Tactful.              |
| 4. Moral.                   | 4. Free from jealousy.   |
| 5. Trustful.                | 5. Loyal.                |
| 6. Truthful.                | 6. Economical.           |
| 7. A home-lover.            | 7. A home-maker.         |

love. And the gipsy luck'll lead ye." That was the prophecy.

And today, with her engagement to Stevenson just announced, Aubrey, in the little country town of Mexico, N. Y., near here, where she's staying, told the story of her six fruitless and one successful love.

First Love.

"The first declaration of affection I heard came from a man old enough to be my father," Aubrey began her love tale. "He asked me to wed him that he might protect and safeguard my beauty."

"I was a slip of a girl, wide-eyed, impulsive, trusting. This man had guided my feet along the pathway of art. I told him I would wed him if he wished."

"But before arrangements were made—he died."

Second Love.

"My second love, Bobby, was a lad of 17—the son of a clergyman. One night he told me he loved me and asked me to marry him as soon as he was out of college—seven or eight years in the future."

"I consented. But a few months afterward pneumonia removed Bobby from this world. I was heart-broken."

Third Love.

"Months passed. One day there came to the studio where I was working a big handsome man. He saw a figure of Circe for which had posed and immediately demanded to see me."

"This man—Paul, my third love—

entered my life and swept me off my feet. We became betrothed. He was a railway executive of wealth. He bought me a beautiful diamond and started building a palace for our home."

Fourth Love.

"Then came my fourth love—Jack. He weighed 200 pounds, was fat-faced and blonde. And he was contented—and lazy."

"Jack ruled me with an iron hand. But he couldn't earn enough to support us both. And he wouldn't allow me to continue posing."

"Of course, such a romance had to break up."

Fifth Love.

"Then I went into the movies. There I met my fifth love—Gordon, a motion picture director much older than I. Our romance was of the sedate kind and lasted only a few months."

"Though an able director, Gordon was far from rich and our romance went on the rocks at the first sign of a financial storm. Gordon and I parted sadly."

Sixth Love.

"Just two years ago I fell in love with my sixth sweetheart, Cecil. He was a titled Englishman who through financial troubles had been forced to become an automobile salesman in a California city."

"We took long drives together. I grew to love him. He told me that he was too poor to aspire to wed me."

"Then—difficulties over my motion picture contract arose. Several expensive trips to New York were necessary."

"One day I received news that

Cecil's father in England had left him the family fortune on condition he wed his cousin, that Cecil had complied and sailed for England.

Seventh Love.

"And now—Joseph, my seventh love and I are on the threshold of marriage. So you see how the gipsy's prophecy has been fulfilled!"

Aubrey publicly announced one year ago she was seeking a perfect husband "for the good of the race." She was besieged by 250 swains from all parts of the country. Cowboys, merchants, soldiers and professional men were among them.

Aubrey believes marriages should be contracted with a view to improving the race. And she has her own ideas on child training.

Children, she believes, should live for the first 13 years as near to nature as possible. They should wear light clothing and no shoes. They should eat fresh fruits, nuts and vegetables.

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